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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL DELAY IN PAYMENTS TO COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM PROVIDERS

A Provider Bulletin was recently released to all enrolled Medi-Cal providers, alerting them to a potential delay in provider payments due to a budget deficiency in fiscal year 1990-91. Legislation (SB 978 - Keene) which would appropriate part of the necessary funds to cover this deficiency is currently awaiting passage by the Legislature. At this time, it is anticipated that checkwrites can be paid through May; however, the June checkwrites may be delayed until additional funding is provided.

If providers express concern over this situation, please advise them that the situation is temporary, and that funds will be forthcoming. It is imperative that we ensure that eligible County Medical Services Program beneficiaries continue to receive medically necessary services.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Mr. Jim Martinez, Chief of the County Medical Services Program, at (916) 739-2501

Sincerely,

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